

**Village of Lovington
Regular Board Meeting
April 07, 2014**

Call to order: President Jim Minor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: President Minor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call found the following trustees to be present: Doug Smith, Roger Walker, Pam Anklaam, Dennis Garmon, Jim McMahan and Barry Morgan. President Jim Minor and Clerk Alma Fair and were also present. Absent: Treasurer Katie Stanley

Guests present were: Joyce Garland for Vera Smith, Ron Evans, Kris Evans, Shawn T Evans, Tom Bennett, Annette Wood, Mike Castelli, David Bowers, Brad Wardrip, Justin Mechling and Pam Nottingham.

New Business

1. Discussion and action on Smith family's request re: tree removal

Joyce Garland for Vera Smith – it was her understanding that there is a problem with a tree in her mother's back yard and she is to pay half of the cost to remove the tree. Her mother doesn't have any money to help get the tree down. Walker stated he didn't know how that rumor got started but he has heard that rumor too. He has wanted to remove that tree because it is in part of the alley. The tree will cost quite a bit to take down because of how big it is. We didn't have the money last year to have it removed. We have not required any resident to pay to have their tree taken down.

2. Discussion and action on Sparrows Unlimited request re: 20th Anniversary Family Day

Annette Wood said that the Sparrows Unlimited plan to have a car show and a bike show on August 9th to thank to community for supporting them for 20 years; they plan to have hamburgers and hot dogs as well as games for the kids. The Sparrows are requesting to close some of the streets downtown. Mayor Minor just reminded everyone that there is to be no drinking outside.

A **Motion** was made by Garmon and seconded by McMahan to allow Sparrows Unlimited to hold a street festival in celebration of their 20th Anniversary Family Day; closing the streets from 8 am to 5 pm on August 9th.

YEA: Smith, Walker, Garmon, McMahan

Abstain: Anklaam and Morgan

MOTION CARRIED.

3. Discussion and action on Zoning Board's recommendation to:

Mike Castelli presented the following recommendations from the Zoning Board and motions on them.

207 S Broadway from A-Residential to C-Commercial; it would be a fenced in lot with no building.

A **Motion** was made by Walker and seconded by Morgan to Change zoning on 207 S Broadway from A-Residential to C-Commercial for Moultrie Independent Telephone Company.

YEA: Walker, Anklaam, Garmon, McMahan, Morgan, Smith

MOTION CARRIED.

A **Motion** was made by Morgan and seconded by Walker to approve the Zoning Board's recommendation to allow 369 E Church St – request to build garage within 5 feet of property line

YEA: Anklam, Garmon, McMahan, Morgan, Smith, Walker

MOTION CARRIED.

6 Virginia Drive is Shawn Evans house a shed is planned to be built on the west side of the garage on a concrete slab.

A **Motion** was made by Walker and seconded by Anklam to approve the Zoning Board's recommendation to allow 6 Virginia Dr. – request to build accessory building larger than square footage of home.

YEA: Garmon, McMahan, Morgan, Smith, Walker, Anklam

MOTION CARRIED.

107 E William St is Pam Nottingham home

A **Motion** was made by Walker and seconded by McMahan to approve the Zoning Board's recommendation to allow 107 E William St - request to build a garage within 5 feet of the property line this was a habitat home.

YEA: Garmon, McMahan, Smith, Walker, Anklam

Present: Morgan

MOTION CARRIED.

4. Discussion and action on Arthur-Lovington High School request for Post Prom contribution

A **Motion** was made by Anklam and seconded by McMahan to donate \$100 to the Post Prom.

YEA: McMahan, Morgan, Smith, Walker, Anklam

Abstain: Garmon

MOTION CARRIED.

From the guest list those noted as requesting to speak and were not on the agenda were:

1. Brad Wardrip – Regarding golf carts – People in Lovington can't get their golf carts registered with the police department because our Ordinance states that they need seat belts. After much discussion it was noted that the ordinance was written nine years ago. Clerk Fair read from the Department of Transportation; National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 49 CFR Part 571 states: "Since conventional golf cars, as presently manufactured, have a top speed of less than 20 miles per hour, they are not included in that classification." "As low-speed vehicles, these 20 to 25 mile-per-hour vehicles are subject to a new Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 500 (49 CFR 571.500)..... The standard requires low-speed vehicles to be equipped with headlamps, stop lamps, turn signal lamps, taillamps, reflex reflectors, parking brakes, rearview mirrors, windshields, seat belts, and vehicle identification numbers."

A **Motion** was by Garmon and seconded by Morgan to strike (N) from the Village Ordinance ARTICLE IX - GOLF CARTS AND UTVs, 24-9-3 RULES AND REGULATIONS; and to strike (H) & (J) from ARTICLE IX - GOLF CARTS AND UTVs, 24-9-4 REQUIRED EQUIPMENT, effective 4/7/14.

YEA: Morgan, Smith, Walker, Anklam, Garmon, McMahan

MOTION CARRIED.

Old Business

Minutes and action of Village Clerk – by Alma Fair

1. Discussion and action on March 2014 invoices

A **Motion** was made by Morgan and seconded by Garmon to accept the March 2014 invoices as presented.

YEA: Smith, Walker, Anklam, Garmon, McMahan, Morgan

MOTION CARRIED.

2. Discussion and action on March 10, 2014 Regular Board meeting minutes.

A **Motion** was made by Morgan and seconded by Anklam to approve the March 10, 2014 Regular Board meeting as presented.

YEA: Walker, Anklam, McMahan, Morgan, Smith

Abstain: Garmon

MOTION CARRIED.

3. Discussion and action on March 10, 2014 Closed Session Board meeting minutes.

A **Motion** was made by Morgan and seconded by Smith to approve the March 10, 2014 Closed Session Board meeting as presented.

YEA: Anklam, McMahan, Morgan, Smith, Walker

Abstain: Garmon

MOTION CARRIED.

Treasurer's Report – by Mayor Minor due to the absence of Katie Stanley

1. Discussion and action on March 2014 Treasurer's reports.

Mayor Minor asked Stanley to also put on the Treasurer Report information on our loans – she will start doing it.

A **Motion** was made by Morgan and seconded by Walker to accept the March 2014 treasurer's report as presented.

YEA: Garmon, McMahan, Morgan, Smith, Walker, Anklam

MOTION CARRIED.

Department Reports

Presidents Report – by Jim Minor

1. Railroad right-of-way property has been taken care of. It has been paid for and we will be getting a deed or title to the property.
2. Garmon and Minor went to the attorney last week and talked about the run down property in Lovington that is vacate - whatever is spend to clean up the property the owners can then be suited to try to get our money back. When a building is demolished it takes care of all liens on the building but the back taxes have to be paid; the cost for a deed is about \$1000. If we are proactive and get the property before that taxes are too large we would be better off. Someone will have to be watching to see what property is empty and if there are back taxes. Smith asked - can we condemn a property and then go before a judge; have it torn down and not own the property. The cost would be around \$7500 to demolish a house. \$750 for the inspector and then the paper work. Minor will call attorney to see if what Smith says is correct. There are two properties that we might be able to take care of this year.

3. A couple of accidents have taken place with Village equipment and Minor would like to be informed when an accident happens. Accidents do happen but he would like to be informed.
4. Renewal of liquor licenses & trash hauling for 2013-2015 have been sent they are all due in May. Casey's has paid; Advanced Disposal has also paid.

Water and Sewer Report – by Jim McMahan

1. Had aerator rebuilt from sewer plant at Heartland machine for \$520.00 would have been \$3100.00 from factory.
2. Repaired sludge pump at sewer plant \$120.00 parts – we repaired ourselves.
3. Maintenance blowers at sewer plant – one is leaking oil - looking for parts – hope to fix in house
4. Would like to start having dump open from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. A lot of people coming by employee's house to get a key. Anklam will have the police to lock each night.
5. Flushing of fire hydrants – Hope to get started this month or beginning of May.
6. Problems with air compressor – tried to get parts but had problems getting them. Had Atchison Electric put in a different brand starter and contacts.
7. Mounted chlorine pumps on wall and rebuilt chlorine system with new piping and valves.
8. One of our high service pumps leaking water in the water plant. Hope it is just a seal.
9. Replaced four air solenoid valves in the water plant; still having problems with them, ordered more.

Parks and Special Projects –by Dennis Garmon

1. **Discussion and action on Park Board Easter Event request - \$450**
This year's Easter Event will be held at the Tom Conn Park on April 19th at 10:00 am with a rain date of April 26th at 10:00 am.
A **Motion** was made by Garmon and seconded by Morgan to provide \$450 to the Park Board for this year's Easter Event to return any unused money with receipts.
YEA: McMahan, Morgan, Smith, Walker, Anklam, Garmon
MOTION CARRIED.
2. Trash cans in the park – Scott Connelly made two and they look very nice.

Police – by Pam Anklam

1. Police report for March - Reports taken – 35, Calls dispatched – 29, Calls officer initiated – 6, Vehicle Accidents – 1, Ordinance Citations Issued – 1, Warning Citations issued – 6, State Citations Issued – 5, Juvenile Cases - 6, Misdemeanor Cases – 6, Felony Cases – 5, Agency Assists – 4, Total hours – 355
2. Expenses this month totaled \$2,047.98 and are listed on the attached sheet.
3. Animal Control Report for March – Total number of calls: 10, Dog – 6, Cat – 4. Stray dog – 3, Feral Cat – 3, Humane Assist – 1, Bite Case – 1.

Streets and Alleys – by Doug Smith

1. The old red dump truck needs some repairs and will cost between \$1100 and \$1800. To replace the ball bearing joints.
2. Roads measured and ready to turn into IDOT. A load of patch will be here 4-7-14 and will start patching if the weather permits. Wants to do the road oiling earlier this year. Will be approving the Motor Fuel budget next month.
3. Got two new intakes to install

4. Street sweeper started picked up 15 loads of debris. Having problems with middle broom slipping.
5. The front end of the dodge needs to be fixed.
6. The new jetter head has been ordered – still trying to figure out what cutter is best.

Buildings and Grounds – by Roger Walker

1. Already discussed about houses that need torn down
2. **Discussion and action if needed on Town-wide Clean-up on June 7, 2014**
We will be asking the American Legion to help again this year. Morgan stated that the Legion would like to turn it over to the Sons of the American Legion. Walker asked if he would tell the Legion when clean-up day will be.
3. There are several properties that need to be cleaned up and Sue will contact some of them to tell them when the Clean-up day will be.
4. Smith asked about the Smith tree as was discussed earlier. Walker has tried to measure the tree and part of it is in our alley. A limb did damage to a garage behind her the last really bad storm we had. Our alleys are supposed to be straight and this is so big that the alley is no longer straight. Anklam stated that Lakeside Tree service was in town in January cutting trees at a reduced price. Walker will get some quotes.

Insurance – by Barry Morgan

1. Walker stated that the insurance man needs to look at the garage roof.
2. Morgan had nothing more.

Adjournment

A **Motion** was made by Morgan and seconded by McMahan to adjourn at 8:33 p.m.

YEA: Morgan, Smith, Walker, Anklam, Garmon, McMahan

MOTION CARRIED



Alma M. Fair, Village Clerk

May 5, 2014

Date Approved